IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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In re:) Chapter 11
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NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP LTD LLC, et al., 1) Case No. 20-32519 (DRJ)
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Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested
) (Emergency Hearing Requested)

DEBTORS' <u>EMERGENCY</u> MOTION
FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE
SCHEDULES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SCHEDULES OF CURRENT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES, SCHEDULES OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS
AND UNEXPIRED LEASES, AND STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

EMERGENCY RELIEF HAS BEEN REQUESTED. A HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THIS MATTER ON MAY 8, 2020, AT 1:00 P.M. (CENTRAL TIME) IN COURTROOM 400, 4TH FLOOR, 515 RUSK STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002. IF YOU OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED OR YOU BELIEVE THAT EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION IS NOT WARRANTED, YOU MUST EITHER APPEAR AT THE HEARING OR FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE PRIOR TO THE HEARING. OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY TREAT THE PLEADING AS UNOPPOSED AND GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED.

RELIEF IS REQUESTED NOT LATER THAN MAY 8, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON MARCH 24, 2020, THROUGH THE ENTRY OF GENERAL ORDER 2020-10, THE COURT INVOKED THE PROTOCOL FOR EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY CONDITIONS.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ALL PERSONS WILL APPEAR TELEPHONICALLY AND ALSO MAY APPEAR VIA VIDEO AT THIS HEARING.

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The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Neiman Marcus Group LTD LLC (9435); Bergdorf Goodman Inc. (5530); Bergdorf Graphics, Inc. (9271); BG Productions, Inc. (3650); Mariposa Borrower, Inc. (9015); Mariposa Intermediate Holdings LLC (5829); NEMA Beverage Corporation (3412); NEMA Beverage Holding Corporation (9264); NEMA Beverage Parent Corporation (9262); NM Bermuda, LLC (2943); NM Financial Services, Inc. (2446); NM Nevada Trust (3700); NMG California Salon LLC (9242); NMG Florida Salon LLC (9269); NMG Global Mobility, Inc. (0664); NMG Notes PropCo LLC (1102); NMG Salon Holdings LLC (5236); NMG Salons LLC (1570); NMG Term Loan PropCo LLC (0786); NMG Texas Salon LLC (0318); NMGP, LLC (1558); The Neiman Marcus Group LLC (9509); The NMG Subsidiary LLC (6074); and Worth Avenue Leasing Company (5996). The Debtors' service address is: One Marcus Square, 1618 Main Street, Dallas, Texas 75201.

ONCE CONNECTED TO WWW.JOIN.ME, A PARTICIPANT MUST SELECT "JOIN A MEETING". THE CODE FOR JOINING THIS HEARING BEFORE JUDGE JONES IS "JUDGEJONES". THE NEXT SCREEN WILL HAVE A PLACE FOR THE PARTICIPANT'S NAME IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER. PLEASE COMPLETE THE NAME AND CLICK "NOTIFY".

HEARING APPEARANCES SHOULD BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY AND IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING. YOU MAY MAKE YOUR ELECTRONIC APPEARANCE BY:

- 1) GOING TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WEBSITE;
- 2) SELECTING "BANKRUPTCY COURT" FROM THE TOP MENU;
- 3) SELECTING JUDGES' PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES;
- 4) SELECTING "VIEW HOME PAGE" FOR JUDGE DAVID R. JONES;
- 5) UNDER "ELECTRONIC APPEARANCE" SELECT "CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT ELECTRONIC APPEARANCE;"
- 6) SELECT NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP LTD LLC, ET AL. FROM THE LIST OF ELECTRONIC APPEARANCE LINKS, AND
- 7) AFTER SELECTING NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP LTD LLC, ET AL. FROM THE LIST, COMPLETE THE REQUIRED FIELDS AND HIT THE "SUBMIT" BUTTON AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPEARANCE ELECTRONICALLY IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING WILL NEGATE THE NEED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE ON THE RECORD AT THE HEARING

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") respectfully state as follows in support of this motion:²

Relief Requested

1. The Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto (the "Order"), extending the deadline by which the Debtors must file their schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of current income and expenditures, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and statements of financial affairs (collectively, the "Schedules and Statements")

The facts and circumstances supporting this motion are set forth in the *Declaration of Mark Weinsten, Chief Restructuring Officer of Neiman Marcus Group LTD LLC, in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* (the "First Day Declaration"), filed substantially contemporaneously with the Debtors' voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") on May 7, 2020 (the "Petition Date") and incorporated by reference herein. Capitalized terms used but not immediately defined in this motion shall have the meanings assigned to them elsewhere in this motion or in the First Day Declaration, as applicable.

by 30 days, for a total of 44 days from the Petition Date, through and including June 20, 2020, without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to request additional extensions.

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court.
 - 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 4. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 521 of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 1007(c) and 9006(b), and rules 1075-1 and 9013-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Local Rules").

Background

5. For over 100 years, the Debtors have been the leader in retail luxury, innovation, and customer experiences. Since opening in 1907 with just one store in Dallas, Texas, the Debtors have strategically grown to 67 stores across the United States, including their marquee luxury Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman locations, Horchow e-commerce website, and off-price Last Call stores. Each Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman store offers a distinctive selection of apparel, handbags, shoes, cosmetics, and precious and designer jewelry from premier luxury and fashion designers. Horchow offers luxury home furnishings and accessories, and Last Call provides a more affordable option for price-sensitive yet fashion-minded customers. To complement its store footprint, NMG operates the largest luxury e-commerce platform in the world. More than 30 percent of NMG's total annual revenue is from online sales. The Debtors' non-Debtor affiliates own and operate a single store under the THERESA brand and an e-

commerce platform under the Mytheresa brand. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors have fundeddebt obligations of approximately \$5.5 billion.

- 6. The Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases in the face of the unprecedented global COVID-19 pandemic with the goal of stabilizing the Debtors' business and maximizing the value of the enterprise for stakeholders. In the face of these catastrophic headwinds, the Debtors have obtained financial commitments from key stakeholders to enable the Debtors to satisfy their postpetition obligations and beyond, and support from these same key stakeholders for a pre-negotiated transaction pursuant to the Restructuring Support Agreement, filed contemporaneously herewith. The Restructuring Support Agreement includes commitments from holders of over 77% of the Debtors' Extended Term Loans, over 99% of the Debtors' Second Lien Notes, and over 69% of the Debtors' Third Lien Notes to equitize their debt and to backstop the full amount of a proposed \$675 million new-money debtor-in-possession financing facility and a \$750 million committed exit financing facility. Through the Debtors' diligent and timely efforts to implement the transaction, the Debtors seek to deleverage their balance sheet by approximately \$4 billion and emerge from chapter 11 as a stronger, better-capitalized enterprise.
- 7. On the Petition Date, each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their property as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have concurrently filed a motion requesting procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these chapter 11 cases, and no committees have been appointed or designated.

Basis for Relief

I. Cause Exists to Extend the Time to File the Schedules and Statements.

- 8. The requirements of section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) require debtors to file their Schedules and Statements within fourteen days after their petition date. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 1007(c) and 9006(b), the Court has authority to extend the time required for filing of the Schedules and Statements "for cause." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(c) and 9006(b).
- 9. The Debtors submit that ample cause exists to grant the relief requested herein. To prepare their Schedules and Statements, the Debtors will have to compile information from books, records, and documents relating to thousands of claims, assets, leases, and contracts from each Debtor entity. Accordingly, collection of the necessary information will require a significant expenditure of time and effort on the part of the Debtors and their employees. Additionally, because numerous invoices related to prepetition goods and services have not yet been received and entered into the Debtors' accounting system, it may be some time before the Debtors have access to all of the information required to prepare the Schedules and Statements. Given the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, many of the Debtors' employees have been and currently are significantly hindered in their ability to access the materials to compile the necessary information to prepare the Debtors' Schedules and Statements.
- 10. In the days leading up to the Petition Date, the Debtors' primary focus has been exploring restructuring alternatives. The Debtors intend to focus the attention of key personnel on critical operational and chapter 11 compliance issues during the early days of these chapter 11 cases. Such efforts will facilitate the Debtors' smooth transition into chapter 11 for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Emergency Consideration

11. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6003, which empowers a court to grant relief within the first 21 days after the commencement of a chapter 11 case "to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm," and Local Rule 9013-1(i), the Debtors respectfully request emergency consideration of this motion. The motion requests relief from procedural rules and requirements that pertain to matters of immediate significance or which involve deadlines sooner than 21 days after the Petition Date. The relief will save costs and avoid undue administrative burden and confusion only if granted before the applicable deadlines. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that they have satisfied the "immediate and irreparable harm" standard of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 and, therefore, respectfully request that the Court approve the relief requested in this motion on an emergency basis.

Notice

12. The Debtors will provide notice of this motion to: (a) the U.S. Trustee for the Southern District of Texas; (b) the holders of the 50 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) counsel to the Term Loan Lender Group; (d) counsel to the Noteholder Group; (e) the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas; (f) the Internal Revenue Service; (g) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (h) the state attorneys general for states in which the Debtors conduct business; and (i) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order granting the relief requested in this motion and granting such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

Houston, Texas May 7, 2020

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on May 7, 2020, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

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